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In re the Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTDirector of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0021] as follows:

[0021] A force F produced by the weight of the upper body 5 acts on the rotational shaft 31. The force F imposed on the rotational shaft 31 acts on the link member 25. A force f is a resultant force of a force f_x , which is produced tangentially with respect to the cam groove 37 by a load of the spring 39 that urges the link member 25 in a specified direction, and a force f_y , which is a resistance acting vertically, generated at a contact point between the cam follower 33 and the cam groove 37. As the link member 25 is urged in a specific direction by the spring 39, the force f acts on the link member 25 via the cam follower 33.